ISST Teleconference Call Notes (June 7, 2005)

Team members present (P) and not present (NP):
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(NP) Pete Manousos (backup team leader) – NCEP/HPC
(P) Mark Jackson – WFO Salt Lake City, UT
(NP) Steve Keighton – WFO Blacksburg, VA
(NP) Greg Mann – WFO Detroit, MI
(P) Dave Sharp – WFO Melbourne, FL
(P) Jim Nelson – WFO Anchorage, AK
(P) Jeff Medlin – WFO Mobile
(P) Bill Ward – PRHQ
(NP) Dan St Jean – WFO Gray, ME
(P) Lee Anderson (facilitator) – OST/PPD/PMB

Summary by Jeff Medlin about DFP comments to the team was discussed. Please see his presentation.

Jeff communicated much of the information on the slides. Some additional comments are included below.

ER presented a table called CONOPS. From SR, no simple answers was a common answer for spatial input. Most of the SR responses were from the southeast part of region. Resounding comment from CR was give customers what they want. Other half of WR response is towards end of this slide presentation. WR brought up two sets of grids. Spatially, they were thinking unlimited.

Discussion occurred about having probabilistic information that is not understood or having deterministic information that is not understood. There is a lack of clarity with these things, especially in the medium range. Points were brought up about ensemble complications and means of these runs.

There was agreement doing probabilistic in the latter parts of the forecast period. We may need to say that this our course and this is why probabilistic would be good, probabilistic.

Discussion occurred about pdfs, applying it, and deterministic forecasts, model predictability, developing ensembles, and communicating to the user. The team will advocate the use of probabilistic grids eventually. It was agreed that we need to take carefully thought out steps to proceed with probabilistic grids. Consensus is that we will develop an executive summary about all of this information. Lee will obtain e-copy of MDL stuff from Paul D. Next meeting will be on June 14, 2005, at 12 p.m. EDT. It will be about DFP question two.